

REMARKS

Regarding the cited reference US 6,430,407 B1 (*Turtiainen*, LM Ericsson), it seems true, just as the Examiner states (in the “Response to Arguments” section of the final action) that, if the problem solved by the invention is interpreted broadly, also *Turtiainen* at least partially relates to the same problem as the present application.

In particular, it is true that *Turtiainen* presents authentication methods in which a mobile station is used. However, this is about all that is common between the present application and *Turtiainen*.

The present application claims sending a subscriber identity from a mobile station 120 to a client 110 (see Figs. 1 and 2). This is not disclosed in *Turtiainen*. It is furthermore claimed that the client 110 sends this data to an authentication block of the network. This is not disclosed in *Turtiainen* either. In other words, by the above-described structure of the claims, the present application claims an authentication method in which the client 110 to be authenticated acts in between the network and the mobile station.

Turtiainen, to the contrary, presents only methods in which the “client” (ref. no 16) first sends to the network a request to access an application and in which the network then sends, via a different medium (e.g. SMS), an authentication message to the user’s mobile station (ref. no 1). Therefore, in *Turtiainen*, the client does not act in between as far as authentication is concerned.

Relating to the “acting in between” discussed above, it would however appear that the unamended claim 1 of the present application did not specify that the client actually acts in between, since claim 1 does not appear to define where the method steps “receiving, sending...” actually occur. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended so that it becomes clear that they occur in the client. This should be enough to patentably distinguish from *Turtiainen*.

The beginning of claim 13 has also been amended. Previously it stated "A client for authenticating a client" which seemed unclear. Moreover, it has been amended to be clear that the features presented in claim 13 are actually features of the client. The previous wording left it a little bit unclear whether they were features of the system or features of the client or both. Now that has been fixed.

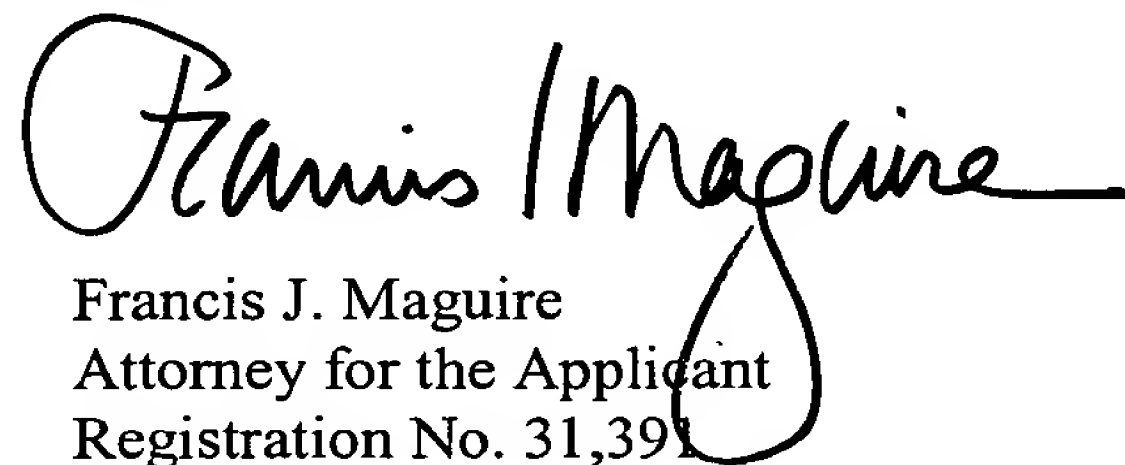
The other independent claims 25, 30, 35 and 37 have been similarly amended where appropriate.

Withdrawal of the novelty rejection of claims 1-10, 13-22, 25-35, and 37 is requested.

Regarding the obviousness rejection of the dependent claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 based on *Turtiainen* in view of *Lightman et al*, these claims are also patentable for at least the reasons advanced above in connection with the amendment to the independent claims and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection is also requested.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of October 12, 2005 having been obviated by amendments or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-35 and 37 to issue is solicited.

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